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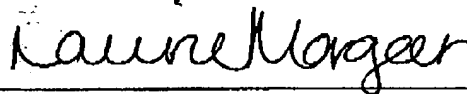
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (the Action) of August 24, 2005, the  
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The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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